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R 020847Z JUN 77 FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2741 INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EAID, LA, NL, SW SUBJECT: DUTCH AID TO LAOS

- 1. A DUTCH EMBOFF HAS DESCRIBED THE KINDS OF AID REQUESTS LAO OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN MAKING--SEEMINGLY "OFF THE TOPS OF THEIR HEADS"-- TO THE GON. HE SAID THAT ONE WAS FOR ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING ROAD LINKS WITH VIET-NAM, WHICH DUTCH EMBASSY HERE QUETLY SHELVED. OTHERS WERE FOR MEDICINES, IMPROVEMENTS ON A SERUM PLANT, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A CODEINE FACTORY. WHEN THE DUTCH HAVE REQUESTED SPECIFICS ON THESE PROPOSALS, THE LAO HAVE SIMPLY NOT HAD THEM. SOURCE SAID HIS MISSION DOES NOT PARTICULARLY CARE FOR PROPOSAL CONCERNING CODEINE FACTORY BECAUSE "WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE PRODUCTION; PERHAPS IT WILL MAKE ITS WAY TO THE VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS."
- 2. BECAUSE THE GON HAS ALLOCATED \$4 MILLION IN AID TO LAOS, THE DUTCH ARE ANXIOUS TO WORK OUT WITH THE LAO HOW MONEY IS TO BE SPENT. VIEW OF LOCAL DUTCH EMBASSY IS THAT CONFIDENTIAL.

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MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL REACH THE LAO PEOPLE. DUTCH AMBASSADOR FRANS VAN DONGEN IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO VIENTIANE JUNE 6 IN HOPE OF NAILING DOWN AID PROGRAM.

3. SAME SOURCE NOTED HE HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH COLLEAGUE FROM SWEDISH EMBASSY HERE, WHICH IS

SIMILARLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LAOS. SWEDISH EMBOFF IS REPORTEDLY FAIRLY BITTER OVER NUMBER OF PROBLEMS SWEDEN IS HAVING WITH LPDR OVER MUCH MORE SIZEABLE GOS AID PROGRAM, NECESSITATING FREQUENT, UNSCHEDULED VISITS TO VIENTIANE BY VARIOUS SWEDISH EMBASSY PERSONNEL, AND PARTICULARLY AMBASSADOR JEAN-CHRISTOPHE OBERG, TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS. WHITEHOUSE

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